

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
January 26, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting, Celebrations & Concerns of the Church

Layreader: Millie Daikawa

Pastoral Welcome Sharing the Peace of Christ

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

Prelude: "Pastorale" by Jenkins

Kayleen Yuda

**All who are able, please rise.*

***Call to Worship:**

Hear the Spirit of God among us reminding us that we are beloved children of God.

We answer the call to be God's people and we live in the ways of the Christ.

Hear the Spirit of Christ calling, "Come and see where I am alive within this community and beyond."

We answer the call to be God's people and we live in the ways of Christ.

Hear the invitation of God to leave behind ways grown old and follow in new paths of service.

We answer the call to be God's people and we live in the ways of Christ.

*** Hymn of Praise:** #172 "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"

***Invocation: (unison)**

God of blazing light, through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

*Song of Welcome: "You are Welcome Here" chorus and verse 1

Sharing with Children

Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") [*in unison*]

Hymn: #524 "This Little Light of Mine"

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Anthem: IYAA

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and

Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Sermon: "Call to Adventure"

Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

***Hymn:** #173 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

The Prayers

***Confession:**

Leader: Spirit of God, you wander along the shores of our life and you see the many things we cling to...

Congregation: trinkets and toys, the need to succeed, careers that do harm.

All: Release us, O Spirit, so we can follow Christ more faithfully.

Leader: Spirit of God, you wander along the shores of our life and you see the many things we cling to...

Congregation: deadly habits, destructive anger, anxiety and depression.

All: Release us, O Spirit, so we can follow Christ more faithfully.

Leader: Spirit of God, you wander along the shores of our life and you see the many things we cling to...

Congregation: harmful relationships, bad attitudes, divisions and discord.

All: Release us, O Spirit, so we can follow Christ more faithfully.

***Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness:** Receive this good news: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who lived in a land of great darkness on them light has shined. This light came to our world in the person of Jesus Christ. Receive this love and follow the light of the world into new paths of service.

***Gloria Patri** "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Call for Offering: As we offer our gifts may we also offer our lives anew, serving God who sends light into the world. In Matthew we hear Jesus words: "Let your light so shine before people, that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven."

Offertory: "Morning Song" by Myers

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: # 780 or # 781

***Prayer of Dedication: We offer these our gifts and we offer ourselves. Open our eyes and ears, our hearts and minds to ways we may serve Jesus anew. Receive our gifts of time, talent and treasure. Receive also the gift of our hearts, using us to bring light to the world in which we live. Amen.**

Sung response: **All things come from thee,
O Lord, and of thine own
have we given thee. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn: #584 "I Am the Light of the World"**

*** Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction Response #580 "O Kou Aloha No"**

* **Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: "Sing a New Song of Joy" by Livingston Kayleen Yuda

Ushers: Eileen Shiraishi, Joyce Nakamoto,
Anita Matthews, Michi Koizumi

Flowers: Ethel Yoshimasu, Ichiko Hisanaga, Teddi Mukai

Childcare: Lois Jean Tanouye

Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane

Office Manager: Dennis Lin

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Choir Director: Pedro Kaawaloa

Choir Accompanist: Katherine Wilson

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

"E Komo Mai" - All people are welcome here at Church of the Holy Cross, UCC. We greet all visitors, guests, and friends and invite you to participate in the life of our Holy Cross Church family. If you would like to inquire about church membership please speak to one of our Deacons or Pastor Mary.

If you would like to learn more about how our national United Church of Christ ministers around the world go to UCC.org - there, you will find information on disaster relief, church life, worship, and ecumenical cooperation.

Other activities at Church of the Holy Cross

- **Choir Practice** is at 8:30am in the Sanctuary on Sundays.
- **Sunday School** at 8:45am
- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** meets in the sanctuary on Sunday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei – Hilo** worships in the BF mtg. room
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12pm on Sundays.
- **Chuukese Church** worships in BF meeting room at 1pm today.
- **Bible Study** Monday on break
- **Gentle Yoga** Monday (BF Meeting Room) on break
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class** meets Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. (BF)
- **Bible Study** Wednesday on break
- **IYAA Bible Study** is held each Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m.
- **Qi Goong exercise class** meets Friday morning 9-10:30 a.m. (BF)
- **Toastmasters** meet in the Lounge, Tuesdays at 12pm and the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month in the Lounge, 5:30-7pm.
- **Prostate Cancer Support Group** 1st Thursday of the month, 12pm in the Lounge
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Opakele** meets in the Lounge every Thursday at 9am.
- **Bell Choir** every Saturday at 3pm in J's Café